Service tax target for Karnataka

1422. SHRI KB. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) what is the service tax target fixed for 2004-05 for Karnataka;

(b) what were the actual collections by the end of January 2005 in Karnataka;

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that all service providers are covered under the service tax net in Karnataka;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that service tax will remain a major source of income for Government;

(e) whether Government of Karnataka has sought releasing of service tax collected in Karnataka; and

(f) if so, the amount of service tax proposed to be given to Karnataka during 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Rs. 1003 Crores.

(b) Rs. 625.49 Crores.

(c) The government has made *vide* publicity of the provisions of the law, undertaken street to street survey and organized meeting/interactive sessions with the trade associations and chambers to educate the service providers about their liabilities. Registration camps and melas have been organized to facilitate the smooth registration of the service providers.

(d) Yes Sir. Service Tax has huge revenue potential.

(e) No such proposal has been received.

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Problems faced by pensioners in Uttaranchal

1423. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the pensioner's of Uttaranchal have been getting their pensionary benefit from the Nationalised Banks located in different regions of the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there have been many complaints that pensioners are not paid the amount they need in emergencies despite the

fact that these pensioner's have lakhs of rupees deposited in the banks; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to redress the grievances being faced by the pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir. As informed by the Government of Uttaranchal, the pension of pensioners of State Government is directly credited to the pensioners' bank account every month by the State Government.

(b) RBI have reported that they have no information in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Grading of Co-operative Banks

1424. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has asked the Registrars of Co-operative Societies (RCS) of different States to grade Co-operative Banks in line with the system followed by the banking regulator; and

(b) if so, the details of RBI grading system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India has not introduced grading system for the State Co-operative Banks (SCBs) and District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs). However, grading system has been introduced for Urban Co-operative Banks *vide* its circular dated 25th April, 2003 as given below:—

Parameter	CRAR	Net NPA	Profitability	CRR/SLR Compliance
Grade I	Complied with prescribed CRAR and	Less than 10% and	Net Profit for the last financial year and	No default
Grade II	1% below the prescribed or	10% or more but below 15% or	incurred net losses for the last financial year or	Defaulted in maintenance of CRR/SLR in the previous financial year
Grade ill $	CRAR is below 75% of the prescribed CRAR	10% or more but below 15%	incurred net losses for two out of last three consecutive financial years	